

**Special Service Area Number 29**  
(West Town Chamber of Commerce, Contractor)

**Financial Statements**

**Year Ended December 31, 2009 and 2008**

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Directors  
Special Service Area Number 29  
West Town Chamber of Commerce, Contractor  
Chicago, Illinois

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial position of Special Service Area Number 29 (a taxing district authorized by the City of Chicago) as of December 31, 2009 and 2008, and the related statements of activities, and cash flows for the years then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Organization's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Special Service Area Number 29 as of December 31, 2009 and 2008, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the years then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

*Bravos & Associates*

March 15, 2010  
Bloomington, Illinois

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Statement of Financial Position  
December 31, 2009 and 2008

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	<u>2009</u>	<u>2007</u>
<u>Assets</u>		
<u>Current Assets</u>		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 157,828	\$ 83,929
Accounts receivable	<u>9,340</u>	<u>2,796</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$ 167,168</u>	<u>\$ 86,725</u>
<u>Liabilities and Net Assets</u>		
<u>Current Liabilities</u>		
Accounts payable	10,340	15,888
Net assets, unrestricted	<u>156,828</u>	<u>70,837</u>
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	<u>\$ 167,168</u>	<u>\$ 86,725</u>

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Statement of Activities  
For the Years Ended December 31, 2009 and 2008

	2009			2008		
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Over (Under) Variance</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Over (Under) Variance</u>
<u>Changes in Unrestricted Net Assets:</u>						
<u>Revenues:</u>						
Tax Levy Revenue - Current Year	372,104	\$ 406,045	\$ (33,941)	\$ 294,717	\$ 275,290	\$ 19,427
Interest Income	344	-	344	1,440	-	1,440
<u>Total Revenues</u>	<u>372,448</u>	<u>406,045</u>	<u>(33,597)</u>	<u>296,157</u>	<u>275,290</u>	<u>20,867</u>
<u>Expenses:</u>						
<u>Program costs:</u>						
1.00 Advertising & Promotion	69,846	117,363	(47,517)	26,546	26,546	-
2.00 Public Way Maintenance	93,656	92,600	1,056	105,688	105,003	685
3.00 Public Way Aesthetics	65,519	70,920	(5,401)	57,469	58,144	(675)
4.00 Tenant Retention/Attraction	6,100	9,116	(3,016)	6,100	8,100	(2,000)
5.00 Façade Improvements	11,409	33,546	(22,137)	27,200	30,899	(3,699)
6.00 Parking/Transit/Accessibility	700	2,400	(1,700)	700	1,200	(500)
7.00 Safety Programs	1,000	3,300	(2,300)	1,000	1,300	(300)
8.00 District Planning	3,700	4,616	(916)	3,700	6,500	(2,800)
9.00 Other Technical Assistance	#REF!	#REF!	#REF!	#REF!	#REF!	#REF!
<u>Total Program Expense</u>	<u>251,930</u>	<u>333,861</u>	<u>(81,931)</u>	<u>228,403</u>	<u>237,692</u>	<u>(9,289)</u>
<u>Administration</u>						
10.00 Operational & Administrative Support	34,527	43,184	(8,320)	42,907	23,598	19,309
11.00 Tax Levy Loss Collection	-	29,000	-	-	14,000	(14,000)
<u>Total Administration expenses</u>	<u>34,527</u>	<u>72,184</u>	<u>(8,320)</u>	<u>42,907</u>	<u>37,598</u>	<u>5,309</u>
<u>Total Expenses</u>	<u>286,457</u>	<u>406,045</u>	<u>(90,251)</u>	<u>271,310</u>	<u>275,290</u>	<u>(3,980)</u>
Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets	85,991			24,847		
<u>Unrestricted Net Assets:</u>						
Beginning of Year	<u>70,837</u>			<u>45,990</u>		
End of Year	<u>\$ 156,828</u>			<u>\$ 70,837</u>		

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Statement of Cash Flows  
For the Years Ended December 31, 2009 and 2008

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>
Cash Flows from operating activities:		
Increase (decrease) in unrestricted net assets	\$ 85,991	\$ 24,847
Adjustments to reconcile increase in net assets to net cash provided by operating activities		
Accounts receivable	(6,544)	(2,796)
Accounts payable	<u>(5,548)</u>	<u>15,888</u>
Net cash flows from operating activities:	\$ 73,899	37,939
Cash and Cash Equivalents		
Beginning of the year	<u>83,929</u>	<u>45,990</u>
End of the year	<u>\$ 157,828</u>	<u>\$ 83,929</u>
Supplemental disclosures:		
Interest Paid	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Taxes Paid	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

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**Summary of Accounting Policies**

Nature of Organization

West Town Chamber of Commerce, Contractor for Special Service Area Number 29 (Organization) is a not-for-profit corporation organized under the laws of the State of Illinois. The Organization was formed to revitalize the West Chicago Avenue business district. The organization is located within the boundaries of the City of Chicago.

Basis of Presentation

Financial statement presentation follows the recommendations of the Financial Accounting Standards Board in its Statement of Financial Accounting Standards (SFAS) No. 116, Financial Statements of Not-for-Profit Organizations. Under SFAS No. 116, the Organization is required to report information regarding its financial position and activities according to three classes of net assets: unrestricted net assets, temporarily restricted net assets and permanently restricted net assets. The Organization had no temporarily or permanently restricted net assets. As of December 31, 2009 and 2008 the organization has unrestricted net assets in the amount of \$ 167,168 and \$ 86,725 respectfully.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents is defined as short term liquid investments such as cash in banks, money markets, and other financial instruments that can be reduced to cash in thirty days or less. The organization maintains its cash in bank accounts, which, at times, may exceed the federally insured limits. The organization has not experienced any losses in such accounts. The organization believes it is not exposed to any significant credit risk on cash and cash equivalents. The organization has established a separate checking account at the North Community Bank in Chicago, Illinois and all tax revenue funds are automatically deposited into this checking account. The Contractor did not commingle Service Tax funds with funds from any other source.

Revenue Recognition

The organization's financial statements are presented on the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized when the amount can be readily estimated or committed, and the payment is reasonably certain. Expenses are recorded when incurred. Accounts receivable represent amounts earned, but not received at year end.

Income Taxes

The organization is a part of the West Town Chamber of Commerce, which is a not-for-profit organization that is exempt from federal income taxes under Section 501(c)(6) of the Internal Revenue Code and is not classified by the Internal Revenue Service as a private foundation.

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**Summary of Accounting Policies – Continued**

Related Party Transactions

Special Service Area Number 29 shares office space, equipment and employees through its affiliation with West Town Chamber of Commerce. Special Service Area Number 29 has no employees of its own, but reimburses West Town Chamber of Commerce for payroll and related costs of the individuals working on the programs. It also reimburses West Town Chamber of Commerce for a portion of its operating expenses, allocation of rent and utilities. The Special Service Area Number 29 had \$ 0 and \$ 14,888 due to West Town Chamber of Commerce as of December 31, 2009 and 2008 respectfully.

Use of Accounting Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Special Service Area Agreement

The Organization entered into an agreement with the City of Chicago on January 1, 2006, which expires December 31, 2011, whereby the City has establish a special service area known and designated as “Special Service Area Number 29” to provide special services in addition to those services generally provided by the City. West Town Chamber of Commerce, Contractor has been designated as “Contractor” under terms of the agreement. The City has authorized a levy not to exceed 0.47% of the equalized assessed value of all property within the area to produce sufficient revenues to provide those special services.

The maximum amount to be paid to the Organization is the lesser of \$ 294,717 or the amount of service tax funds collected for the tax year 2009 and 2008. For each subsequent year of the agreement, the maximum amount to be paid is the lesser of the budget for that year or the amount of service tax funds actually collected for the preceding tax year.

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON THE SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

To the Board of Directors  
Special Service Area Number 29  
West Town Chamber of Commerce, Contractor  
Chicago, Illinois

Our audit was made for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The supplementary information which follows is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information has not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

*Bravos & Associates*

March 15, 2010  
Bloomington, Illinois

Special Service Area Number 29  
(West Town Chamber of Commerce, Contractor)  
Schedule of Expenses with Budget Variances  
December 31, 2009 and 2008

	2009			2008		
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Over (Under) Variance</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Over (Under) Variance</u>
<u>Expenses:</u>						
<u>Programs:</u>						
<u>1.00 Advertising &amp; Promotion</u>						
1.01 Display Ads	\$ 1,299	\$ 1,299	\$ -	13,196	13,196	-
1.05 Special Events	33,400	40,000	(6,600)	7,000	7,000	-
1.06 Website/Technology	-	69,714	(69,714)	-	-	-
1.07 Service Provider Direct Services	6,350	6,350	-	6,350	6,350	-
1.08 Other: Postage	28,797	-	28,797	-	-	-
Total	<u>69,846</u>	<u>117,363</u>	<u>(47,517)</u>	<u>26,546</u>	<u>26,546</u>	<u>-</u>
<u>2.00 Public Way Maintenance</u>						
2.05 Sidewalk Cleaning	63,346	58,000	5,346	55,000	54,315	685
2.06 Sidewalk Power Washing	-	-	-	-	-	-
2.07 Sidewalk Snow Plowing	17,160	21,450	(4,290)	37,538	37,538	-
2.14 Service Provider Direct Services	13,150	13,150	-	13,150	13,150	-
Total	<u>93,656</u>	<u>92,600</u>	<u>1,056</u>	<u>105,688</u>	<u>105,003</u>	<u>685</u>
<u>3.00 Public Way Aesthetics</u>						
3.01 Decorative Banner	9,116	9,116	-	12,515	12,515	-
3.02 Holiday Decorations	15,848	13,748	2,100	10,434	10,434	-
3.03 Landscaping	5,600	5,600	-	5,600	5,600	-
3.05 Streetscape Elements	-	7,500	(7,500)	-	674	(674)
3.07 Service Provider Direct Services	15,000	15,000	-	15,000	15,000	-
3.08 Other: Public Way Art	19,955	19,956	(1)	13,920	13,921	(1)
Total	<u>65,519</u>	<u>70,920</u>	<u>(5,401)</u>	<u>57,469</u>	<u>58,144</u>	<u>(675)</u>
<u>4.00 Tenant Retention/Attraction</u>						
4.03 Site Marketing Materials	-	3,016	(3,016)	-	2,000	(2,000)
4.04 Technical Assistance to Businesses	-	-	-	-	-	-
4.06 Service Provider Direct Services	6,100	6,100	-	6,100	6,100	-
4.07 Other: Postage	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	<u>6,100</u>	<u>9,116</u>	<u>(3,016)</u>	<u>6,100</u>	<u>8,100</u>	<u>(2,000)</u>
<u>5.00 Façade Improvements</u>						
5.01 Façade Enhancement Program	1,959	23,196	(21,237)	17,069	20,710	(3,641)
5.04 Service Provider Direct Services	9,450	9,450	-	9,450	9,450	-
5.05 Other: Postage	-	900	(900)	681	739	(58)
Total	<u>11,409</u>	<u>33,546</u>	<u>(22,137)</u>	<u>27,200</u>	<u>30,899</u>	<u>(3,699)</u>

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Schedule of Expenses with Budget Variances  
December 31, 2009 and 2008

	2009			2008		
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Over (Under) Variance</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Over (Under) Variance</u>
<u>Expenses:</u>						
<u>Programs:</u>						
<u>6.00 Parking/Transit/Accessibility</u>						
6.01 Bicycle Advocacy	-	1,700	(1,700)	-	500	(500)
6.13 Service Provider Direct Services	700	700	-	700	700	-
Total	700	2,400	(1,700)	700	1,200	(500)
<u>7.00 Safety Programs</u>						
7.05 Lighting, Tree Pruning	-	2,300	(2,300)	-	300	(300)
7.09 Service Provider Direct Services	1,000	1,000	-	1,000	1,000	-
Total	1,000	3,300	(2,300)	1,000	1,300	(300)
<u>8.00 District Planning</u>						
8.02 District Branding	-	916	(916)	-	2,800	(2,800)
8.04 District Master Plan	-	-	-	-	-	-
8.07 Service Provider Direct Services	3,700	3,700	-	3,700	3,700	-
Total	3,700	4,616	(916)	3,700	6,500	(2,800)
<u>10.00 Operational &amp; Administrative Support</u>						
10.01 Audit/Bookkeeping	2,158	3,166	(1,008)	2,437	3,577	(1,140)
10.02 Meeting Expense	-	-	-	14	14	-
10.04 Office Rent	9,670	9,671	(1)	6,428	6,428	-
10.05 Office Supplies	3,327	2,991	336	406	500	(94)
10.06 Office Utilities/Telephone	2,025	2,026	(1)	2,553	2,554	(1)
10.07 Postage	42	200	(158)	84	200	(116)
10.09 Service Provider Administrative Support	2,062	9,550	(7,488)	30,210	9,550	20,660
10.11 Other: Director & Officer Insurance	2,311	2,311	-	622	622	-
10.12 Other: SSA Administrative Support	12,932	13,269	(337)	153	153	-
Total	34,527	43,184	(8,320)	42,907	23,598	19,309

**Special Service Area Number 29**  
(West Town Chamber of Commerce, Contractor)  
**Summary Schedule of Findings**  
Years ended December 31, 2009 and 2008

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Finding # 1 - Budget

We have reviewed the Agreement for Special Service Area Number 24, between the City of Chicago and the Contractor (West Town Chamber of Commerce) for the year ended December 31, 2009 and 2008.

We noted no exceptions.